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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Donovan Robert Bradley, age 33, of Newport News, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday in United States District Court in Norfolk by the Honorable Walter D. Kelley, Jr., to a total of 610 months in prison.

On December 3, 2004, Bradley pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine; possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

Bradley used others to purchase firearms from local gun dealers and then sold the firearms to individuals to whom he was selling crack. On one occasion a .45 caliber handgun was sold in the course of a sale of an ounce of crack and on another occasion, a sawed off shotgun. Hampton investigators described Bradley as one of the biggest sources of cocaine, who supplied an array of dealers in the Phoebus section of Hampton.

The investigation was conducted through the combined efforts of the Hampton Police Division, Special Investigations Unit; the Veterans Administration Office of the Inspector General; the Drug Enforcement Administration; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant Tim Murphy prosecuted the case for the United States.

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